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Chemical Review Committee
Eleventh meeting
Rome, 26–28 October 2015
Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The eleventh meeting of the Chemical Review Committee will be held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, from 26 to 28 October 2015. The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Jürgen Helbig (Spain), at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 26 October 2015.

2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Committee will be invited to adopt its agenda, with any amendments, on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/1).

(b) Organization of work

4. The Committee will have before it a scenario note for the meeting prepared by the Chair (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/1) and a tentative schedule for the week prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/2).

5. The Committee may wish to establish contact groups and drafting groups, as deemed necessary, and to specify their mandates.

Item 3

Rotation of the membership

6. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the newly designated Committee members and forthcoming rotation of the membership in May 2016 (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/3). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/1.

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Item 4

Review of the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention relevant to the work of the Committee

7. The seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade was held in Geneva, from 4 to 15 May 2015, back to back with the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. The outcomes of the meetings relevant to the work of the Committee are described in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/4. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided and consider any further action.

Item 5

Technical work

(a) Consideration of draft decision guidance documents

(i) Short-chained chlorinated paraffins

8. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a draft decision guidance document for short-chained chlorinated paraffins, available in the six official languages of the United Nations (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/2). A tabular summary of comments on the draft decision guidance document is available in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/7. The Committee may wish to finalize the draft decision guidance document and to forward it, along with its recommendation to list short-chained chlorinated paraffins in Annex III to the Convention as industrial chemicals, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

(ii) Tributyltin compounds

9. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a draft decision guidance document for tributyltin compounds, available in the six official languages of the United Nations (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/3). A tabular summary of comments on the draft decision guidance document is available in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/8. The Committee may wish to finalize the draft decision guidance document and to forward it, along with its recommendation to list tributyltin compounds in Annex III to the Convention as industrial chemicals, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

(b) Report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action and the proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation

10. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat setting out the report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action and the proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/4). In addition, information on trade in chemicals under consideration by the Chemical Review Committee and a summary record of notifications of final regulatory action for chemicals reviewed by the Interim Chemical Review Committee and the Chemical Review Committee are available in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/5 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/6, respectively. The Committee may wish to consider the results of the preliminary review by the Bureau in the context of the establishment of the task groups recommended therein.

(c) Review of notifications of final regulatory action

(i) Atrazine

11. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing notifications of final regulatory action relating to atrazine from two prior informed consent regions: Europe (the European Union) and Africa (Cabo Verde, Chad, the Gambia, Mauritania, the Niger, Senegal and Togo) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/5). The supporting documentation provided by the European Union and by Cabo Verde, Chad, the Gambia, Mauritania, the Niger, Senegal and Togo is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/9 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/10, respectively. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/5.

(ii) Carbofuran

12. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing notifications of final regulatory action relating to carbofuran from three prior informed consent regions: Europe (European Union), North America (Canada) and Africa (Cabo Verde, Chad, the Gambia, Mauritania, the Niger, Senegal and Togo) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/6). The supporting documentation provided by the European Union, by Canada and by Cabo Verde, Chad, the Gambia, Mauritania, the Niger, Senegal and Togo is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/11, UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/12 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/13, respectively. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/6.

(iii) Carbosulfan

13. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing notifications of final regulatory action relating to carbosulfan from two prior informed consent regions: Europe (European Union) and Africa (Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, the Gambia, Mauritania, the Niger, Senegal and Togo) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/7). The supporting documentation provided by the European Union and by Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, the Gambia, Mauritania, the Niger, Senegal and Togo is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/14 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/15, respectively. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/7.

(d) Review of the proposal for the inclusion of dimethoate emulsifiable concentrate 400 g/L as a severely hazardous pesticide formulation in Annex III

14. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a proposal for the inclusion of dimethoate emulsifiable concentrate 400 g/L as a severely hazardous pesticide formulation in Annex III submitted by Georgia (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/8). Information on dimethoate emulsifiable concentrate 400 g/L collected by the Secretariat in accordance with part 2 of Annex IV to the Rotterdam Convention is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/INF/16. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/8.

Item 6

Venue and date of the twelfth meeting of the Committee

15. The Committee may wish to consider and reach agreement on the venue and date of its twelfth meeting.

Item 7

Other matters

16. The Committee may wish to consider any other matters raised by its members during the course of the meeting.

Item 8

Adoption of the report

17. The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report of the meeting prepared by the rapporteur.

Item 9

Closure of the meeting

18. It is expected that the Chair will close the meeting by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 October 2015.